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The Biggest Job That Any Typewriter Ever Undertook.

By republishing the text of the socalled Pact of London Mr. VILLARD's the office furniture and everything Nation incidentally suggests the di- else that belongs to the new occupant. mensions of the job that is ahead of They should choke off the Moons. We a certain illustrious typewriting ma- can scarcely doubt that to preserve chine now on its travels.

The Pact of London is the agreement entered into on September 5. 1914, by Great Britain, France and Russia establishing solidarity on the part of the Allies with regard to peace terms. When Italy entered the war her Government also became a party to the compact.

After engaging themselves to conclude no separate peace the Allied Powers recorded this declaration:

previous agreement of each of the other Allies.

Except with regard to Russia, whose Government has been overthrown, this compact is as tight as a drum, as inflexible and inevitable as a law of nature, as valid as the almanac for 1919.

Our Government is not a party. The United States is not one of the Allies. The representatives of our treaty making power are free to demand whatever conditions of peace the negotiating Executive can induce the Senate to ratify. In concluding peace on our part we are not bound by formal agreement to insist on nothing which has not been approved in advance by Great Britain, by France and by Italy. The method proposed in Senator Knox's resolution is as clearly open to us in honor and good faith as it is clearly sane, sensible and American.

But if a certain typewriter is to assume the rôle of King of Humanity and realize its own regal or nearof European boundaries and the regulation of the future destinies of Eu-Orance as against Italy, or Great Britain and Italy as against France. · It must convince all three, for all three are bound by the Pact of London to unanimity of action.

All the splendid celebrations in honor of America and the friendly welcomings of the American President along the line of procession from Brest to Rome and from the Monte Quirinale back to the Thames Embankment cannot alter this central fact of the situation.

Moon Also Above the People.

Representative Moon is another legislative ruler of the nation who believes that the American people have no rights and privileges expressible in the halls of Congress, at the ballot box or in any other place. This states. man from Tennessee, chairman of the Post Office Committee, introduces in quently pointed out that in the corps the House a resolution to continue the Post Office Department Indefinitely in the control and operation of the wire service, with authority to appraise and buy as much of the telegraph and thousands of individuals who re- the armistice. telephone companies as the Government may wish.

Now, whether Government ownership of the telegraph and telephone wires may be the right thing or the the question. The sitting Congress of necessity subordinated to the deis not the body to decide it. It can fence of the country. not with political decency undertake to decide it. So far as concerns the case of the railway system.

Nobody knows, at this moment nothe public, the fact would still remain But he was needed in this country,

a fundamental fact—that this Con- win new praise.

limit of Government operation or to were in France and were ordered Flemish, Franconian or Low Dutch do anything else with them beyond home, more of whom never had a as he is German. The Coblenzer has, what already has been done. On chance to be killed by a torpedo too, a reputation for improvidence, the contrary, aside from cleaning up stroke. Among these hundreds of which may account for that squanits unfinished business with as little thousands there were, if they ran true dering of all his food supply and the Congress has been commissioned to do stars that fate had kept them from ing to the correspondents, he is at nothing but get out.

and the rest of the Congress auto- they have done. crats, misapprehends the meaning of the public's vigorous boot. Those gentlemen have been kicked out; they act as if they had been kicked further in.

Nobody expects a Moon to have the sense of propriety which forbids a man, when he has been fired out of a job in disgrace, not only to stick to the end but to try to manipulate it in the last few hours so that it will be run till eternity just as if he were still sitting on it. Nobody expects a Moon to keep his hands off what, in effect, is no longer his.

But in this expiring Congress there are members of both parties who do have a better sense of the fitness of things, who do feel a responsibility to the will of the people, and who, when they have been discharged from their posts, do not wish to vacate triumphantly, dragging out with them their own self-respect as well as 10 regard the principles of our Govern ment, they will.

Two Plans for Soldier Farms.

Secretary Wilson's plan for helping those soldlers who want to go back to the land is communistic; Secretary Lane's, by comparison, is enlightened political economy. The latter programme would provide work for soldiers at going wages in Fed-The three Governments agree that, eral projects for redeeming land for when the terms of peace come to be farms by drainage, irrigation and by discussed, no one of the Allies will de clearing cut over timber land. Land casionally, would make a life worth mand conditions of peace without the thus made available for farming the living. would be sold to soldiers upon easy terms, but terms which would recoup the Government for all costs.

Secretary Wilson wants the Government to purchase privately owned land for the soldlers. Aside from the easily imagined political pulling and hauling, the purchase of undesirable land, overpayment and other evils which would inevitably attach to Government purchase of millions of acres. the Government would lose beyond calculation in ignoring the present opportunity of using thousands of trained workers, easily organized into a great and efficient working force, young men eager for land who, by the methods suggested, would convert millions of acres now worthless into valuable farming lands.

General March Gets a Medal.

General PEYTON C. MARCH, Chief of win distinction in many fields. Al ways a soldier, he has been able to regal ideas about the rearrangement prove his capacity as a leader of men. an organizer of vast enterprises, and an administrator of great affairs. rope, it will not be enough for it to The Distinguished Service Medal has convince France and Italy as against appropriately and properly been be-Great Britain, or Great Britain and stowed on him, and the circumstance that this honor was recommended by General Preserve is symbolical of the fact that an army is not merely an aggregation of combatants, but an intricate body of interrelated units each essential to the others, and all serving the supreme purpose of the nation in war.

There has been considerable irritation among army men and civilians because in certain cases men of no particular value in any capacity have had so-called bombproof jobs, which carried with them the privilege of wearing an honorable uniform. This feeling of resentment has found expression in complaints that require painstaking examination. An unworthy man in uniform deserves the contempt of all, but before contempt becomes audible he should be proved to be unworthy. THE SUN has freof the army which have to do with the supply and sustenance of the forces on the first line there have been since the country went to war garded their detention from the theatre of battle as a terrible hardship and injustice. They were too useful in the posts to which they were assigned to be released for the duty wrong thing, this is no time to decide they coveted, and their desires were

In the person of General March these men may properly be said to be proprieties and the responsibilities of typified. Nobody will question his the legislative body to the voters, the courage, his professional skill, his pacase of the telegraph and telephone triotism. Nobody will doubt that, de- at Coblenz was friendly. A German system is exactly the same as the spite the importance of the post he has filled, his personal inclination has been to be present with the combatant | tion, and the Germans, said a correbody can know, whether the Govern- forces. General March had a parment is making a good job or a bad ticular reason to wish for service in job out of operating the wires. No- Europe; he had been in France, and body knows what it is capable of do- done the onerous work of organizing ing with it. Nobody knows whether the artillery for the American Army. it ought to go on or ought not to go He must have longed to see his plans have done better than this. on with the experiment. But if there in operation, to observe in what dewere no shadow of doubt that the talls they called for amendment, to Government could operate the wires provide for new situations, to impro- ture to welcome the Americans. That permanently to the best advantage of vise methods of meeting emergencies.

the American people to take over the live of hundreds of thousands of his Coblenzer is considerable of a racial wires permanently, to extend the time comrades, some of chom, like himself, mixture; about as much French,

mischief or offence as possible, this to humanity, a few who blessed their "big eating spree" in which, accorddanger. The overwhelming majority present riotously indulging. When the voters of the United of them, a majority so great that the States threw the present majority out minority fades into insignificance, Cologne has, or university, as Bonn, to entrust further to the Congress them of an occasional useless fellow

Christabel "Says Something."

MISS CHRISTABEL PANKHURST IS evidently a woman of perception. She realizes that most of the political cure-alls held out to the voter, and particularly the socialistic panacens, have lacked flavor. They have been abstract in their offerings, whereas most people want the concrete. Miss PANKHURST goes into particulars as to what the women of Great Britain will get when there is a woman's regime; not what they will get in the way of passing on the Abyssinian budget, but what they will get in their own houses:

"The British Parliament will be re sponsible for the electricity that turns any Rhine town he visited. the mangles, cooks the meals and warms the houses. Why should women drag least concern our American soldiers. noal scuttles about, stand over steaming They are there strictly and purely on wash tubs, spend hours over old fashoned ranges, which not only eat up coal sides to interest them; there are but cook the cooks, when by legislation as many Hohenzollern statues in Coand electricity the burden of the world bienz as in Berlin-Coblenz has even could be lifted?"

What could make a better appeal to the women, not only of Britain, seums, and if the soldiers climb up but of every land where electric lights the slope of Ehrenbreitstein they will muter, as well as his wife, knows that there too-the English used to send would be a happy place; a joyous land of volts, watts, ohms, buttons, switches and indolent luxury. Buttons, buttons everywhere, and not a tap of work. One finger, pressing oc-

The commuter wakes. It is day light, and he snaps off the electric It is added: light that has kept his hens laying in their distant house since 3 A. M. A. push of a button closes his bedroom windows. Another button doubles the heat from the electric furnace. A tap of the finger and the cat is let in and the dog let out. Within easy reach of the bed a percolator of coffee and his box of razor blades is gently bath water.

Mrs. Commuter, sipping her preat her bedside-an electric switchto operate. The orange squeezer, the patmeal pot, the automatic batter dropper and its companion the electric griddle; the electric egg breaker Santa Claus can pilot his reindeer Staff, is one of those fortunate men and the electric plate warmer-all through the sky without danger of to whom opportunities have come to these take up their labors. In due collision with military airplanes on time an electric elevator takes the family to the dining room or brings a tray unstairs. Meanwhile electricity has gently dragged Mr. Commuter out of bed and, through a maghis clean shirt. A phonograph, connected with the thermometer and babuttons which attend to the feeding of the chickens, the milking of the cow and the pumping of the tires.

> should have an electric voice calling to the man as he steps into his elec- is not as violent as was that of 1917. tric car: "Haven't you forgotten your commutation ticket?" But ir that day of free electricity there will be no commutation tickets; railroads will be free too. So, without a care he will drive off, waving gayly to his wife, now on her way to press the buttons that attend to the dishwashthe new crepe meteor party dress.

Coblenz on the Rhine.

In Coblenz the American troops have for their occupancy the most picturesquely situated town of all those which came under the control of the Allies through the terms of Specific Illustration of the Workings

In reaching the Rhine, but a few months ago considered a military goal to be attained only after hard fighting, the Americans came from Treves by the route of pleasurable tourist travel down the Moselle valley, more interested in the ruins of robber barons' castles and in markfrom a fee at any of the points of seas vessels carrying cargo bound for defence on the way. Their reception those ports. If we found among such officer "wearing a bright, polished, spike helmet" met them at the sta- such action on our part would probably spondent, "even scrubbed the bunks in the five fortresses so that everything might be in readiness for the height of its tourist season could not

Coblenz has been welcoming tour ists so long that it was second nawas one of the principal occupations of the Coblenzer. As a result he is and in our form of government it is and to this country he came, here to more or less polygiot. The soldiers will have no difficulty in finding some gress has not been commissioned by Thus he stands as the representatione to speak English. Again, the

Coblenz has no great cathedral as

of the Senate and the House, they can were men who wanted to do some or Roman churches and antiquities celled the license of this Congress to thing else, who longed to drop the pen as Mainz. It has, though, a famous do in the name of the American peo- for the bayonet, to quit their office promenade along the Rhine bank ple a single thing that could be post- desks for the firing step, but who re- flanked by an imposing array of all things considered. Also in war time, with the 147th poned for the consideration and ac- mained in good temper where their hotels, restaurants and cafes. These tion of the incoming Congress. It is orders put them and did their part to have remained open and flourishing for the next Congress to do for the win the final victory. They deserve during the war, and the Coblenzer, people the things they were unwilling all honor, and the intrusion among looking across the river to the strong defences of Ehrenbreitstein and Asthey rejected. Moon, like Kirchin must not obscure the prime service terstein, could dream himself into a have no qualification to be there. Ship- known barber of 2435 Pepect street, feeling of perfect security for the building is a science to-day and the claiming that Poland ougho have Po-Fatherland. Coblenz is out of the cut and try methods are a thing of the dolta, the Ukraine, Volhyn Moldavia Munich and Wurzburger zone. The past. Therefore bakers, bankers, tailors and Tauria because in the past. people are no judges of the products of these Bavarian cities. But they with recent conditions knows there have near Tsligirin and conquere the enknow the products of the Rhine and the Moselle valley vineyards. The profitably used, and in some cases have means, I say, let him have it. good wine of these valleys flows in ceaseless streams into Coblenz to be bottled, doctored and sparkled. A who does not believe in giving a square avenue, claiming that Serbia oug to good share of it is sent out to the deal, and thereby hinders others from have Walachia, Bulgaria, Rumelia, ps. world; there is too much of it even receiving one, will be taken care of nia, Albania and Livadia because Man for Coblenz, its tourists, its visitors and its great companies of officers to consume. In fact, Coblenz is gay under either normal or abnormal circumstances. A French traveller, if memory serves correctly it was the elder Dumas, said that Coblenz had more pretty girls and women than

Of course, all this will not in the business. They will find much bea statue of Empress Augusta-a number of interesting churches and muworld ruled by Queen Christaner, their girls there to be educated; in fact, there are many opportunities in Coblenz for improving the mind.

Why Spoil the Face of France? Somebody in Wilmington, Del., announces that a contractor of that city is going to take 5,000 men to

France to rebuild destroyed villages. "Plans of the French High Commission call for rebuilding devastated towns in modern style, with all the latest sanitary devices. The villages will be typi-

cally American, instead of the picturesque, old fashioned originale." America and France now enjoy the begins to bubble. A button is pushed finest friendship that exists, or ever has existed, between two nations. warmed. Electricity, at the pressure Why should it be endangered by in- Hatchet consisted of about 7,500 copies of the commuter's thumb, heats his flicting a "typical American" village of an 3 by 10 inch sheet, a copy being tice has come to Earth. Noble old Rome of the modern style on our friend France? The French High Commisliminary coffee, reaches for a switch sion ought to come over and view our lain, P. J. Bloomhardt, was the perma-

> would be enough. Marshal Foch has extended the armistice to 5 A. M., January 17, and

ostlie errands. The Hon. James THOMAS HEFLIN, than whom there is no handsomer Representative in the Congress from the Fifth Alabama, district, demands netic device, has put the buttons in that New Orleans, not New York, shall be the principal cotton market in the United States. Made so, we assume rometer, tells him the state of the ute. And when he introduces his bill the gentleman means, by Federal statweather. While he is putting on his to give effect to this reasonable decollar, a feat which electricity will mand, why not include provision to never perform for man, he pushes make the Hudson, not the Mississippi River, lave the dikes of New Orleans?

When a man laments the prospect of a green Christmas in 1918, his To make the detail perfect we neighbor asks him if he really regrets the fact that the late fall of this year

There will be many war mysteries. many, cropping up in all parts of the world, but no mystery so mystifying, it is safe to bet a cookie, will equal in mysterious course that of the \$60, 900,000 in gold Germany blackmailed out of Russia, but which is now safely deposited in the vaults of the Bank of France. One hundred and twenty ing, the dusting and the sewing of tons or thereabouts of good gold for year or more in possession of the German army and not stolen beyond recovery! Surely truth is more incredi-

IF WE WERE AT WAR WITH

of a New "Freedom of the Seas."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The morning paper gives us, at least semi-officially, a more specific definition of the phrase "freedom of the seas" than

we have yet had. This definition we may apply to an assumed case. Suppose that ten years hence we declare war against Mexico. Under international law as it now stands ing the resemblance to the Hudson Tampico and other Mexican ports. We we should at once blockade Vers Cruz, cargoes arms and munitions we would ico does not manufacture these things make the war a short one.

Under the new rule we could do neither of these things, unless we first obtained the consent of certain other nations, some of whom might see their doughboys to sleep." Coblenz at the way to make large profits, or rather to let their citizens make large profits, by supplying Mexico with what she E. HENRY LACOMBE. New York, December 14.

Title of an Eminent Diplomatist. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Will ou please inform me how Colonel House

secured his title? By the way, my little daughter, eight years old, when reading about nim, always calls him "Colonial House." GEORGE L. ROCKWELL.

RidgeFigle, Conn., December 14.

OUR NEW SHIP INDUSTRY. THE ISTORIC RIGHTS OF POEMS WORTH READING. Cost of Construction Will Fall When War Waste Is Eliminated.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUM-SIT: In the course of an address before the Peacon Society of Boston J. W. Powell, according to the newspapers, made the statement that we could not compete with England in the matter be shiptentially accorded to the procupal coats of trained a letter with the Amalia. building owing to the unequal costs of printed a letter itten by Mrs. Amalia construction. This remark seems undil Partialis, 735 Fulton avenue, The

all things considered. Also in war time, with the 147th tavian Infantry with the urgent need of speed, many conditions exist which in the light of ordi
Segeberg. I fully cond. Mrs. Amalia

But Night—not so, and who brings such pure release.

Who brings such pure release.

My soul fhrows out a light ditions exist which in the light of ordiitions exist which in the light of ordi-ary times would not be tolerated.

For instance, there are many em-and to the southern party Schleswig.

ployed who were attracted by the pay On Tuesday the Workprinted a let-and as a means of draft avasion who ter from Sigismund Peccaeld, the well and the like have no right in this line King Lwadislaw with the A defeated in normal times. Any man acquainted the Khan of the Saporogian Cossacks been more men employed than could be tire southeastern part of Europe By all been a hindrance rather than a help.

In reconstruction these faults will be eliminated. Unfair labor by the grafter known bootblack of 13 (basement hied Some system will be inaugurated which the Purple after the defeat of Geo. will stop the abuse of machines and the Black and Molosh the Green newsternaterial, and will also see that the Sparrowgate on the Danube had be the different jobs are in the hands of sole ruler of these vast and fertile lands pranchise of earth and sky, men competent to handle them. When these things are done the reduction in cost will be most noticeable.

On Thursday the Tribune printed a selike the Muse shall with thee dwell.

England or any one else. SHIPBUILDER. QUINCY, Mass., December 14.

THE TAR AND THE LADY.

A Protest Against the Intrusion of Some Policewomen.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I man, and far superior to many of those in civilian clothes.

The whole answer is this: the policewomen don't know what to do to create women don't know what to do to create women notoriety, so they are picking on the poor sailors. Let the policewomen mind their own business and leave people who are conducting themselves properly alone.

"When the time'r parting comes, and the day is on the wane.

We Hollanders are a modest people. We holl and so the saint the slient entirely and over thill and over pin.

And the earth not and over pin.

And the earth not not an over the day is on the wane.

And the slient entirely and over the day is on the saint entirely and over pin.

And the earth not not receive wane.

And the slient entirely and over the day is on the saint entirely and over the sain ple who are conducting themselves properly alone

I think I'm voicing the sentiments of any sensible person. Miss N. HICKEY.

BROOKLYN, December 14.

The Unofficial but Authentic Log of the George Washington.

After the return of the U. S. S. George Washington with the Presidential party in January it is probable that there will appear in book form a complete file of that interesting little paper "published on the high seas" and called the Hatchet. The issues of each trip made one

Each day's edition of the issued free to each person on board. The editorial staff has varied with Europe will receive what belonged to such trip except that the ship's chapnew modern American villages of the nent member. With a staff drawn from and her Pankhurstian kitchen begins sort that contractors build. One look the army, the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. passengers the style of the paper was a little different each trip. transient editors there appeared the auther of "The Foolish Dictionary," which came out some years ago, Mr. Towne's "Mother Goose at Sea." On another exclusion of the foreign and non-indigefforts being manifested in rhymes of lighted so many thousands with his old and beloved colony. We might clair trin Lieutenant Streeter, who has de-"Dere Mable" letters, delighted others with more such letters dealing with a cookie's life on a transport. The captain of the short and the state of the short and the state. Surely the generous American nation will not refuse the short and tain of the ship was also the editor in chief, as well as the final censor of torical foundations.

all that appeared. Captain Edwin T. Pollock, United States Navy, was the commanding offi. December 18. cer for the first seven trips the ship made; then Captain Ward K. Wortman The Status of Parole Agent Reynolds. for one trip owing to the illness of Captain Edward McCauley, Jr., who took item in THE SUN of December 10 relacommand the latter part of October tive to the exclusion of James M. Rey-

this year. The final book will contain a list of Sing Sing is incorrect both in its facts all organizations carried, a list of the and implication. Mr. Reynolds has not officer passengers, a list of the naval been prohibited from holding Sunday serofficers attached to the ship, a list of the vice in the chapel, and the monthly teseditorial staffs, also short articles re- timonial meeting in the visitors' room, lating to fitting out the vessel as a as heretofore, but has been forbidden transport, and other notes of interest, admission to the shops and grounds in The book will be well illustrated. With common with other welfare workers. the talent now on hoard it is expected that the final volume of the Hatchet will a chaplain, but is a voluntary welfare surpass the previous volumes and that worker who for nearly six years has the complete publication will have a been interested in improving the lives large sale, the proceeds of which are of the inmates. As parole agent he had o go to charities of the navy.

TRADE BRIEFS.

hicles in that country depends upon road

American and other foreign corporations are allowed the same privileges and are panies in the Deminican Republic. There to better living. There is absolutely no are no State or national taxes assessed on foundation to the statement that Mr. corporations.

Industries Fair for 1919 will be held in London next year, from February 24 to March 7, in the Pennington street ware house of the London Docks. The attention of the Algiers consulate

has recently been drawn to the scarcity of medical thermometers and the possibility of a market for an American thermometer The total value of declared exports fro Slaagow, Scotland, to the United States

the same period the preceding year, show-ing a decrease of \$372.296. The total Canadian export of merchan-381,517,976 for the preceding twelve months and \$1.031,940,004 for the year

ended September, 1916. A list of exporters of underwear in the Philippine Islands can be obtained from the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce or its district or cooperative offices by referring to File No. 9467. The Uruguayan Minister of Industries has commenced an investigation of indus-trial conditions for the purpose of ascer-

Arkansas Frankness

taining the present situation of that coun-

From the Monticello Advance

TH SMALL NATIONS.

Holland's tear Claim to Manhattan Islanup to Canal Street.

di Partialis, 735 Fulton avenue, The Bronx, claiming th Italy ought to have In the first place the shipbuilding in-dustry in this country is practically new, Plancus Shaddus, the year 7 B. C.

On Wednesday THE SUN printing let-

We have to compete with England in letter from Szathmar Janos claiming for many industries, and once the American his native Hungary the totality of the mechanic focuses his attention on this former Austrian and German Empires line we can build ships as cheaply as because 1,000 years ago King Mikosh the Great, after the slaughter of the Prstha, had been recognized as Krol of the entire Western Banat. Give Hungary what has always belonged to Hungary, I maintain.

On Friday the Globe printed a letter from Anselm Choukrout claiming the right of Alsace to a revived Burgundian Empire and stating that the work of saw a letter in your paper on Tuesday Charles the Bold ought to be regenerated from a sailor who objects to policewomen by the labors of the Congress of Verquestioning young women who are in sailles, and that Strasbourg ought to have been turned on? Women, we find a hotel at which the tablet on agree with him when he objects to such North Sea to the Mediterranean. Charles said, but the Utopian picture is fasthe front says the great Goeffie treatment. A sailor or a man in any the Bold has been dead these many cliniting to men as well. Every comstopped. There are good schools navy uniform is as good as any other years. His intentions, however, were good. Let Alsace have her new domains. Now, at last I bring forward my claims.

mosa, Ceylon, Japan, Spitzbergen or Brazil. Nay, we bridle our righteous demands and refrain from any claim upon New York State up to Fort Orange and the territory of the Lange Eiland. All we ask is "give us New York from the Battery up to Canal street." It belonged to us half a century before any one else put in a claim. We laid out the streets and at great expense to ourselves we constructed sidewalks, church, three saloons, twelve lampposts one pair of gallows and 227 houses, sta bles and warehouses. We were deprived of our possessions without a declara-

At that time we were much weaker than England and we had to surrender ur domain. But now the Reign of Justhem by right of eminent conquest or

discovery. Why should a small nation be forgot ten Just because it is small? We are humble indeed in our just demands; only a few square miles and the right to levy a few taxes and the privilege to renopulate that small part of Nieuw

TTL UILENSPIEGEL, Jr. HYPOLITUSHOEF, Island of Wieringen

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIE: An nolds, "Christian Science chaplain," from

Mr. Reynolds is not and never has been had the care of more than 150 liberated men, for whom he has secured positions and exercised that friendly oversight, in While American cars predeminate in the future market for motor vethem has returned to a disorderly life is the best evidence of the kind of work e has done. During these years Me Reynolds has saved the State a great subject to the same taxation as local com- sum of money, besides helping many men Reynolds "is slated for a prison pos It has been announced that the British when Governor-elect Smith takes office, ALBERT F. GILMORE.

NEW YORK, December 14. The Position of President Rea of the Pennsylvania

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIE: OF

our financial page to-day I am reported

as favoring continued Government oper ation of railroads. Such is not the case. I deprecated precipitate action upon than in the possibility of an attack should also stop and search on the high \$1,548.583, as compared with \$1,920.879 for a very complex situation until the most experienced minds in railroad, finance and public policy shall have been devoted to formulating a basis for future seize them as contraband. Since Mex- dise for the year ended September, 1918, railroad policy, to be carried out without amounted to \$1,363,749,580, as against \$1 .- rupturing the business or social relatwelve tions of the country. This is now being done.

Neither the country nor the railroad investors should feel disturbed. Conobtained from gress will ascertain the requirements of the situation and will undoubtedly enact equitable legislation under which railroad credit and the transportation industry will, be strengthened.

SAMUEL REA, President PHILADELPHIA, December 13.

In Defence of a Maligned Kentuckian. From the Shelby Record.

It was reported last week that John J. For Sale or Trade—One five passenger auto. Electric starter, and lights; leather upholetered and fully equipped; good contention and he immediately declared "the upholstered and fully equipped; good con-dition. Will trade for cowe, hogs, sheep, goats, chickens, wood or corn—anything, It ain't much account and must get rid of it. What have yas? A. T. Wells, we are mighty glad of it.

The Ear of Night. Hast thou the Ear of Night-To gather in the things (Not uttered to the light)
The mothering Darkness sings? Hast thou this gift, obscure and fine, That, while it hears, shall more divine!

Day keeps me prisoner. liedged round by glittering spears; Whichever way I stir, A hostile guard appears: And crashing sound and tumuit loud Make me within myself to shroud.

And it hath gained clair-audience, (00-Such as can note the fall of dew

If vernal tide it be The seed that breaks the husk, And the new budding tree That cleaves the humid dusk, Because Night favors me-I hear

And I, on winter eves. When shielded moons dip lew. The whimper of the snow, My step accusing that it tred On this white miracle of God:

I know where music fleets, When Day its heart hath stilled Night holds those rhythmic beats, That can its life rebuild. as, on beyond, with Night I fare Oh, sweet!-Lost voices throng the air! The Ear of Night have L.

EDITH M. THOMAS.

Sweets to the Brave. Picia packs a Christmas box PA tend to Fred in France. jars of jam that glint and glow A lek of home

Apx of chocolates.

And adge and figs and caramels, Anistuffed and sugared dates Cannelpeaches from the shining row On Andma's pantry shelf,
And day little raisin cakes
(She hde them all herseif);
A kiss uin her soldier's name
The teleting gift completes,
For lof thimodern warrior wins
His victies on sweets

Minna Isvins. Andma's pantry shelf,

honey, liquid gold,

L'Envol. From th Century Magazine.

"When at last the terms and the stars are growing near,
And we breathe the breath of conquest,
and the voices tat we hear
Are the great companity, voices that have
hallowed year officer.
Shall we know an inant's grieving as
we pass?

Shall we pause a fleetin moment ere

Or with not one backward onging shall we leap the last abyss.

Scale the highest crass sind harted, fearful only lest the bilss

of an earth remembering in an abould delay the great sun's kissen of the delay the great sun's kissen of the day the great sun's kissen of the day of t

DOBOTHEA LAWBANCE MANN.

When He Comes Home From the Atlanta Constitution a know not when he's comin.
But when his steps draw nigh
e'll know the Love that let his go
Graw greater since "Good-by"
or we kept a place of high! for im
Heneath a darkened sky.

We know not how we'll greet him-(The Heart we can't command.) How speak the mighty love of hom! But he will understand. When home goes out to meet him And takes him by the hand.

This Flag of Ours From the Springfield Republican What does it mean—this Fiag of ours— its Stars and its Red. White and Blue? When, all ablaze, it greets the eye and turns to kiss the sun and sky— What does our Flag mean to you? What does it mean to me and you?

This Fiag of curs—with Stars of White-Chasing away the gloom of night— Halling the morn, with welcome bright, Hating darkness and loving light— What does our Fiag mean to you? What does it mean to me and you? The Red of youth—that knows no fear-rise White of truth—that's crystal clear-rise Bus of courage—from on high. The whole, for what men gradly die— That's what our Flag means to you. That's what our Flag means to you.

A "Tawdry Rag"—who dares defy Our mighty Fing, of Stars and Sky " The White of Pain—the Red of Blood— Sied to make safe our brotherhood— That's what our Fing heans to you. That's what it means to me and you.

ir splendid Flag-Red, White and Bluer giorious Flag—of wendrous hue— er for Right and all that's True, stands on gusrd—for me and you. That's what our Flag means to you. That's what it means to me and you. JOSEPH D. BATCUS. Keeping Dynamite Around

From the Arkoneas Gazette.

Whenever you find A man treasuring up Love letters written In more than one handwriting. You find a bachelor.

Soldiers Returned. From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. When they come back across the narrowed seas,
And we behold them truly standing there,
With all the old time grace of eyes and that with all the eld time grace of eyes and And help limbs, will not some terror tense our joy and make us murmur, "Who are three?"

Will they not seem, despite our shrewd. est care.

Strangers to us whose hearts can never
share.

The proud remembrance of their victories? We cannot follow where their thoughts To what keen heights of valor or of from influenza yesterday, seven in pain; We cannot trace the way their dreams may than on the preceding dual line.

Ab, vain our wish, and fruitiess what 62 being reported, and the drauge com-Of dear companionship. Until the end.
They never can be wholly ours again!

MARGARET ASHMUS. The Wood of Wonder,

This is the place where poets pause to dream Where thrush and nightingals are never more numerous than usin and goat hoofed Pan pipes on his ready same virulent type as during above the banks of an enchanted stream;

Through leafy depths where fauns sway absolute;
And from the trees hang crimson Brooklyn. n which lost springs their fragrances re-

Pale amazanth and golden iris glean

The lyric gods have builded attars here And of each wanderer crave sacrifice fulled from what loveliness he holds most Enwrought in some sweet musical de

And joy immertal as they fare along,

Bear all who worship at this shrine of

* CHARLOTTE BECKER.

SEES 2 YEARS MORE OF LIBERTY LOAMS

Smoot Criticises Democrats in Programme of Tax

COST OF ARMY AND NAVY

Reduction.

National Expenditures Limit Exceeded by Proposed Expenditures. He Says.

Special Despatch to Tax St. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.-Two Stars after the end of the war the United States will still be issuing loans for the upkeep of the Government, according to Senator Smoot (Utah). Its criticised to-day the programme of the Democrats for raising by revenue \$6,000,000,000 through taxation levied on the nation for 1918 and reducing that amount to \$4,000,000,000 for Milb. sequent years.

It was pointed out by Senator Smoot that, according to appropriations and authorizations of expend. ture now on the statute books more than \$36,000,000,000 for this fiscal year. would be the total expenditure under existing laws if everything authorized or appropriated for could be delivered and the termination of hostilities had not permitted many curtailments of war purchases through cancellations of contracts.

The actual appropriations for the current fiscal year, Senator Smoot insisted, approximated \$27,000,000,000 while the authorizations add \$0.000. 000,000 to the total. Of this sum \$17. 388,687,985 had actually been appropriated and \$5,181,430,346 nutborked Deficiency appropriations and author. zations made up the balance of the war bill, and whereas these outlans had been taken care of in large ure by existing tax laws and Liberty bond issues there was another bond issue in prospect the coming spring

Plan for Getting Money

On the other hand Senator Smooth explained there is no possibility avoiding further bond issues in fiscal year 1919-20, if the income of the Government from taxation is te stricted to \$4,000,000,000, as the rev enue bill now provides.

He pointed out with undoubted necessary loans to the Allies excluded the bill for conducting the Government in the next fiscal year would not be Take one last long look a wonder at the dimming of the land.

Love the earth one glawly moment ere we pass from its dembds.

Cull all beauty in its essent as we gaze? cent, of such sum, and without another bond issue would have to be

> mated size of the proposed page army for the years immediately sal sequent to the war will be 500,000 so we are told. On the other ! the navy wants a pence appropriat of approximately \$2,000,000,000 large as the sum is I would not put in the position of criticism Senator Reed (Mo.) at this pa asked if the \$2,000,000,000 was to be used to give force to be decrees of the "League of Nations "Not with my consent," replact sen

vote or voice will a provision league of nations be ratified at the Senate."

ator Smoot. "And let me give warr

National Production Exceeded Senator Smoot in discussing the pendous appropriations of the own estimates much of the proposed expenditure never could be made for the reason that the limit of national production was exceeded by the same appropriated. He said he did not be lieve the maximum productivity of the American nation yet exceeded 115.

000,000,000 WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 Notice with served on the Senate to-day by man Simmons of the Finance mittee that beginning Monday would ask that all other business laid aside to give continued and an

terrupted consideration to the arevenue bill. Numerous amendments to the were introduced to-day for later consideration. One by Senator Kentler Iowa would levy 29 per cent c

NO GRIP EPIDEMIC. HOSPITALS REPORT

Cases of Influenza Now at Normal Average. Superintendents of four lates hospitals stated yesterday that mided

by admissions of patients during " *

last few days there was no appro recurrence of the "Spanish The statistics of the Heart ment showed yesterday an increase only one influenza case over the ures of Friday. There were

this cause totalled 55, four less than Saturday. "We receive influence patients throughout the year, and the combin usually increases at this total one hospital official. mitted during the past week disease does not seem to be

cent epidemic. Following new cases were yesterday: Influence I

Queens Richmond Total 213

Perhaps It Was a Generally

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SAN AND IN STREET was it Dr. van Dyke had m he said that no anamie pact have a place at the peace to PRIME SUS

NEW YORK, December 14.

in a hotel restaurant or dollar of costing more than \$2 per per-